

her to the wonders of improvisation. Though her original focus was classical music, with the hope of being a soloist with a major symphony, the pull of Detroit's rich soul music legacy and the discovery of jazz broadened her horizons.

Regina attended Detroit's prestigious Cass Technical High School. Upon graduating, she departed for the New England Conservatory of Music, only to return to Michigan's Oakland University, seasoning her chops by gigging with several local musicians. She later joined the attention-grabbing all-female quartet Straight Ahead which recorded two albums for Atlantic Records. Carter departed the band in 1994, recording two solo albums for Atlantic while also making the most of her newfound New York connections by working with the likes of the String Trio of New York, Muhal Richard Abrams, and Greg Tate and the Black Rock Coalition.

Carter joined Verve Records in 1998 and has since recorded four critically acclaimed works of astounding maturity and variety: *Rhythms of the Heart*, *Motor City Moments*, (also produced by John Clayton), and *Paganini: After a Dream* (for which she made history by being the first African American and jazz musician to travel to Genoa, Italy to perform and record with the legendary Guarneri del Gesù violin owned by classical music virtuoso Niccolò Paganini), and a duet project with pianist Kenny Barron entitled *Freefall*. Her playing has also graced work that includes filmmaker Ken Burns' soundtrack for the PBS documentary, *Jazz*. Wynton Marsalis' opera *Blood on the Fields*; Cassandra Wilson's tribute to Miles Davis, *Traveling Miles*; and the queen of hip-hop soul Mary J. Blige. In the summer of 2006, Regina will join Latin Jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri for some dates related to his latest recording, the Grammy award-winning, *Listen Here*, on which she was also a guest.

Among her personal accomplishments is work she has done to spread the love of music to others, something that is touched upon in her one original composition on *I'll Be Seeing You*. John Clayton always insists that I write at least one original piece on every album" she says "I chose 'How Ruth Felt,' which is a commissioned piece that I wrote for a woman named Ruth Felt, President of San Francisco Performances, and Arts organization in San Francisco. I spent some time as an Artist-in-Residence there, teaching music to disadvantaged children and spreading the joy of music to people in community centers and churches around the Bay area. Ruth helped me tremendously while I was dealing with my mother's illness. I included 'How Ruth Felt' on my album as a way to say, 'Thank you.'"

Now Regina Carter is looking forward to a brighter 2006, filled with sharing the memory of her mother and the music of *I'll Be Seeing You: A Sentimental Journey* with people in a live context. "When I perform now, she shares, 'I feel different when I go on stage . . . stronger . . . like I've gone through something and really lived! I still get nervous, but all of those negative, critical voices that I used to hear in my head are gone. I think that's my mother . . . making me realize that none of that is important. This is my stage . . . It's what I do . . . and I'm having a good time.'"

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TOWN OF OTISCO CELEBRATED  
ON AUGUST 12, 2006

### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Town of Otisco. Tucked away in Central New York, the Town of Otisco was formed from parts of the neighboring towns of Pompey, Marcellus, and Tully. Over its storied 200 years, the Town of Otisco has gone through many changes: In 1798, Oliver Tuttle was the first settler in Otisco, clearing land with his sons on the north end of Otisco Lake. Tuttle left, only to return with his entire family 4 years later. The Town of Otisco was officially created in 1806, as more settlers began to call the area home. As the population grew, the town began to experience changes such as the creation of a turnpike road started in 1806 to connect the Town of Otisco to the Town of Skaneateles.

Otisco has contributed its part to our nation. There are 42 Revolutionary soldiers and 57 Civil War soldiers buried in the town, all of whom called Otisco home. Otisco also had nine soldiers in the War of 1812, 22 soldiers in WWI, and 26 soldiers in WWII.

The town's population has slowly grown from 1,850 in the mid-19th century to 2,500 in 2000. Blessed by a pristine landscape and the beauty of Otisco Lake, the town provides a throwback feeling to the old days of small town living. To this day, farming is at the center of life in Otisco, and the lake is still the main area for activity.

On behalf of the constituents of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate the Town of Otisco and its citizens, both past and present, on 200 years of history.

HONORING DR. CLINTON BRISTOW,  
JR.

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., president of Alcorn State University.

Dr. Bristow, 57, became president of Alcorn State University, one of three Historically Black public Universities in Mississippi, on August 24, 1995. Prior to becoming president of Alcorn State University and 11 years of service and leadership, Dr. Bristow served as president of the Chicago Board of Education, dean of the College of Business at Chicago State University, and vice president at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago.

Dr. Bristow was committed to increasing the percentage of minority students attending graduate and professional school and increasing the public's awareness and appreciation of the value and contributions to society by land grant universities through their research, extension programs, and overall excellence. Under Dr. Bristow's direction, Alcorn doubled the percentage of students attending graduate/professional school, improved retention and

established a faculty research incentive program to enhance research in the life sciences, where the university has become a national leader in the production of African-American baccalaureate graduates in the life and agricultural sciences.

President Bristow was a visionary who worked closely with the administration and the community to move Alcorn forward academically. He referred to Alcorn State University, a college of 3,500 students situated in rural Mississippi as the "Academic Resort" and "Communiversity." He believed in quality education and made a difference in the lives of each of his students and believed that each student could make a difference in the world. The students were inspired by his passion for education and his belief in the success of their careers. Dr. Bristow cared deeply for the students and felt personally responsible for their education and stressed the importance of graduate and professional schools. He established relationships with universities in several countries and was responsible for implementing exchange programs and increasing the number of international student enrollment. President Bristow understood the needs of the university and the Alcorn community and used his shrewd business sense to help secure Federal funds to improve the "face" of Alcorn State's campus.

Dr. Bristow earned a B.A., J.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and an MBA from Governors State University in University Park, Illinois.

The contributions Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr. made to Alcorn State University will never be forgotten. He touched the lives of many students and alumni throughout his 11 year tenure as president of Alcorn and will truly be missed by the university, community, and his colleagues throughout the country. Please join me today in honoring the remarkable life of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr.

HONORING RABBI SOLOMON  
SCHIFF

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Rabbi Solomon Schiff on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Community Chaplaincy Service, and as executive vice president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami. The entire South Florida community has benefited from his more than 40 years of outstanding community service.

Rabbi Schiff has become one of the most recognizable members of the south Florida Jewish community, and his tremendous influence extends far beyond the Jewish people. As a spiritual advisor, an interfaith liaison, and a dedicated community leader, he has truly touched the lives of countless individuals representing all religious persuasions and backgrounds. Anyone having met Rabbi Schiff can attest to his love of his fellow man, his desire to make the world a kinder and gentler place, and his ability to bring people of all faiths and political persuasions together.

Rabbi Schiff has been called upon several times to offer prayers both in the House of

Representatives and the Senate. In 1992, President George H. W. Bush appointed Rabbi Schiff to serve on the "We Will Rebuild Committee." This committee helped restore the areas in south Florida that were severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew. Lawton Chiles, the late Governor of Florida, appointed Rabbi Schiff to serve on a task force to examine the problems of the homeless. Thanks to that task force, two new homeless assistance centers were created in Miami-Dade County alone. More recently, Florida Governor Jeb Bush invited Rabbi Schiff to serve on his Faith-Based Advisory Board.

Rabbi Schiff is known and admired for treating everyone with equal dignity and respect. He has always found time in his schedule to visit as many in need as possible, from ill hospital patients to the homeless. His spiritual guidance is an enduring legacy to the countless individuals he has encountered throughout his career.

Although Rabbi Schiff has won numerous awards, and has served on many local and national committees, the greatest honor he has ever received is the love and support of his family. He and his wife, Shirley, have three grown sons, Elliot, Jeffrey and Steven, and they are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. I wish him well as he begins this new chapter in his life, and we all celebrate his many remarkable achievements.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A.  
GERYE

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert A. Gerye for his tireless work to enhance the educational experience of the children of Clark County.

Bob Gerye has been an educator for nearly 30 years. He received his bachelors degree in English education from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and his graduate and post-graduate degrees from the University of Kansas. He taught English on the college level for several years in Kansas before becoming a secondary education administrator.

Mr. Gerye moved to Las Vegas in 1992. He was the founding principal of the Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts, which opened in 1993. The Las Vegas Academy was the first academic, dedicated magnet school in the Clark County School District. Mr. Gerye developed and implemented an innovative curriculum which offered students the opportunity to select a major area of study from one of the academy's seven programs and take classes in a college-style block format. During Mr. Gerye's tenure as principal, the Las Vegas Academy was recognized on several occasions at both the State and the national level. In November 2000, the U.S. Department of Education honored the academy as a "New American High School," recognizing it as one of the top high schools in the United States. In October 2002, the academy was again honored by the U.S. Department of Education when it was named a "Blue Ribbon School." In March 2003, the Las Vegas Academy received the Governor's Arts Awards in Education from the State of

Nevada in recognition of its outstanding arts education programs.

As a result of his many successes as an educator, Bob has received numerous accolades. In 1998, Bob received the Community Achievement Award in Education from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for his work at the Las Vegas Academy. In 2000, the Clark County School District inducted Bob into the Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was named the Nevada High School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals and was a finalist for the National Principal of the Year Award. Mr. Gerye has also received the Jeffrey Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award for Arts Education, and the Washburn University Alumni Fellows Award for Lifetime Achievement in Education.

In 2003, Bob was selected by the Clark County School District to plan and implement the first Smaller Learning Communities/Career Academy comprehensive high school in the District. As a result of Bob Gerye's strong leadership and his commitment to excellence in education, Spring Valley High School has demonstrated overwhelming success in overcoming many of the challenges faced by a brand new school with a brand new educational structure.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Robert A. Gerye for his contributions to education. He has dedicated his career to improving the quality and the availability of education. His enthusiastic and innovative approach has helped his students reach heights of achievement. Bob Gerye has made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have such a gifted educator and administrator in the Clark County School District. I applaud his many successes and I wish him the very best as he continues to serve the cause of education.

CONGRATULATING MARC BELLE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marc Belle of Flower Mound, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, he is recognized for his outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of his community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least one hundred hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Marc Belle on receiving this award and commend his dedication and desire to help his school, community and country.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. CHRISTOPHER  
PATE OF BEAVERTON, OREGON

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American soldier who gave his life in service to our Nation.

U.S. Marine Captain Christopher Pate of Beaverton, Oregon was killed in action during operations in Iraq. Captain Pate is survived by his parents, Jerry and Kathy Pate of Lady Lake, Florida, and a fiancée, Margaret Stearns.

While on patrol in Iraq, Captain Pate's patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device, ripping through his unit. Using his dying words to radio for medical assistance, Captain Pate's bravery and actions most likely saved the lives of two other soldiers severely wounded in the attack.

Joining the Marines in 1999, Chris Pate achieved the rank of Captain in July, 2004. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he was assigned to the 2nd Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force. Serving in Okinawa, Korea, Thailand, South America and Yemen, Captain Pate eventually volunteered for two tours in Iraq.

A modern day renaissance man, Captain Pate will be remembered for his love of languages, his sense of adventure and a desire for knowledge. Having paddled up the Amazon, spent time in a monastery, studied esoteric Eastern religions, and learned Spanish, German and Arabic, he was well on his way to achieving his dreams. Scheduled to return from Iraq in November, Captain Pate and his fiancée were planning their wedding ceremony and anticipating a move to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Captain Pate who have volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While brave men and women like Chris have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
HERMAN BOONE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Herman Boone. As a high school football coach in Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Boone inspired players to set aside racial differences and unite into one of the most successful teams in Virginia's history.

In 1971, Mr. Boone was named head football coach of TC Williams High School, a high school recently formed from smaller, segregated schools. In order to promote cooperation and teamwork, Mr. Boone used a game plan that was as strong on the field as off the field. Mr. Boone's leadership and love of the game led his team to an undefeated, 13-0 season. But his most memorable win was helping the community of Alexandria traverse